V.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE* NON-OFFICIAL ITEM OF BUSINESS NEXT DAY.

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I may also inform the House that under rule 6 of the Madras Legislative Council Rules the Local Government authorizes the transaction of the following non-official business to-morrow, namely, the motion of Mr. Patnaik that his Bill to amend the Madras Estates Land Act be referred to a Select Committee. This item will be put as the first item of business on the agenda for to-morrow immediately after questions and answers, and the business left over from to-day's agenda will be taken up afterwards."

IV.—MOTION *RE* SECOND REPORT OF THE MADRAS DELIMITATION COMMITTEE—*cont.*

* Mr. R. M. PALAT:—" Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move the amendment standing in my name, i.e.—

' *Add* at the end the following:—

" *And on such consideration, this Council is of opinion that Malabar has not been given sufficient seats in the new legislatures.*" '

" I agree with what Mr. Koti Reddi said, that sufficient attention has not been paid either by the Delimitation Committee or by the Government to certain principles which should have weighed with them in allotting the seats to the different districts or to the different racial groups. I hope, Sir, that the Central Delimitation Committee would be willing to accept at least some of the suggestions that I am now going to make.

" Sir, I would say that certain minority areas which have special economic or other interests at variance with those of the rest of the presidency should be given weightage. Malabar and the West Coast come under that. We know that with regard to pepper and coconut-growing, for instance, our interests are entirely different and are not represented at all in this Council. We saw that there was a good deal of agitation in the country and in this Council about putting a duty on the import of rice; but we heard nothing about any similar agitation about coconut except from the West Coast Members and even that was only half-heartedly supported in this Council.

" Again, linguistic groups who feel themselves badly treated should have special consideration. In this I have in mind the case where no irrigation grant has been given to the West Coast districts. We made a representation to His Excellency on this matter and Mr. V. P. Narayanan Nambiyar specifically drew attention to the passages in the speech of the then Revenue Member in this Council admitting that there were irrigation works on the West Coast which needed attention and should be considered at a later time. But we see that when actually irrigation grants are granted nothing is given to the West Coast.

" Again, Sir, I would say that if there is a feeling of separateness among a certain section of the people, they should be given sufficient